Completion of Rajghat and Bansagar Inter-State projects

1916. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajghat and Bansagar inter-State projects would not be completed within scheduled time for want of adequate funds;

(b) if so, what action is being taken by the Central Government for making available adequate funds;

(c) when the works of dam and canal system of the above projects are likely to be completed;

(d) whether any time bound programme has been prepared for the payment of land compensation and rehabilitation of oustees; and

(e) if so, what progress has so far been achieved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In the meetings of Betwa River Board and Bansagar Control Board held at New Delhi on 11-8-1990 the participant States agreed to provide adequate funds for the revised programme of completion of the dams as below:

Rajghat Dam	by June, 1993
Bansagar Dam	by June, 1995

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Upto June, 1990 land acquisition has been done in 61 out of 86 villages in Betwa and 77 out of 258 villages in Bansagar whereas rehabilitation grant has been paid in 33 out of 45 villages in Betwa and 45 out of 108 villages in Bansagar projects.

Show Cause Notice issued by Assistant Collector, Central Excise, Saharanpur to M/s I.T.C. Limited

1917. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. I.T.C. Limited have filed a writ petition in Allahabad High Court against the demand of approx. Rs. 80 crores issued by the Assistant Collector, Central Excise, Saharanpur; if so, when the writ was filed and what is its present position;

(b) whether it is also a fact that for a considerable time there was no stay on recovery of the amount of Rs. 80.30 crores; if so, for which period there was no stay against the said demand; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to recover the dues from M/s. I.T.C. Limited in the absence of any stay order by the Court stating the reasons for non-recovery of the dues?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir. The High Court has delivered the Judgement in favour of the Department on 9-8-1990. Central Agency Section has filed a Caveat in the Hon'ble Supreme Court to prevent M/s. I.T.C. Limited from obtaining *ex-parte* stay.

(b) Yes, Sir. The High Court granted stay in January, 1990.

(c) No firm action was initiated against M/s. I.T.C. Limited for realisation of the arrears during the period when there was no stay because the writ petition was pending in the High Court and the

Departmental Counsel handling the case advised the Department not to take coercive action. It was also feared that any coercive action against the company will result in closure of the unit leading to a loss of Rs. 20 crores per month to the Government revenue.

Merger of subsidiary Banks of the State Bank of India with the Main Bank

1918. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering merger of all the subsidiary banks of the Stat Bank of India with the main bank;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Employees' Association of the subsidiary State Banks have made representation in this regard; and

(e) if so, what are the details of the representation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (e) There is no proposal at present under consideration of the Government for merger of the associate banks of State Bank of India with the State Bank of India (SBI). The Associate Banks' Officers' Association have submitted a memorandum to the Government, *inter-alia*, demanding de-linking of the associate banks from State Bank of India and establishing a single corporate entity by merging the 7 associate banks of the SBI Group. The existing set-up of the State Bank of India Group is found to have several advantages. On the other hand, Government and Reserve Bank of India do not find any distinct advantage either in de-linking of the associate banks from SBI or in merger of these banks.

व्यापार घाटा

1919. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 9 अगस्त, 1990 के "टाइम्स आफ इंडिया" में "ट्रेड डेफिसिट अप वाई 8.2 परसेंट इन थ्री मन्थस" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि चालू वित्तीय वर्ष की पहली तिमाही के दौरान निर्यात पिछले वर्ष की इसी अवधि के निर्यात से अधिक था ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस घाटे के क्या कारण है ;

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस अवधि के दौरान आयातों में वृद्धि हुई है ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो किन-किन वस्तुओं के आयात में वृद्धि हुई है और पिछले वर्ष के दौरान इस अवधि में इन वस्तुओं के आयात में कितनी वृद्धि हुई थी ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरंगिल अंधरन) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) अनन्तिम आंकड़ों के अनुसार चालू वित्तीय वर्ष 1990–91 की पहली तिमाही (अप्रैल–जून) के दौरान भारत के निर्यात 7428 करोड़ रुपये मूल्य के थे, जो पिछले वर्ष की इसी अवधि में हुए 6039 करोड़ रुपये की तुलना में 23.0 प्रतिशत अधिक हैं।

(ग) अप्रैल–जून, 1990 के दौरान 1877 करोड़ रुपये के व्यापार घाटे के मुख्य कारण हैं। भारत द्वारा निर्यात किए जाने वाले छोटे हीरों के लिए विश्व बाजार में मंदी आने के कारण रत्न तथा आभूषण के निर्यात में गिरावट, कुछ कृषि मदों की अंतर्राष्ट्रीय कीमतों में गिरावट की प्रवृत्ति,